

## Black Friday in SLO crazy at some places, calm at others

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The holiday shopping season kicked off last Friday with an estimated 25 million more consumers heading to the stores on Black Friday than last year, according to a National Retail Federation study and San Luis Obispo saw its share of shoppers lining up to get the first picks of this year's hot items too.

"We had probably about 200 people," said Micky Jolles, a sales and installation manager at Circuit City in the Irish Hills shopping center. "We were letting people in slowly but surely at about 25 people a time."

Jolles said that the top items being sold at the San Luis Obispo store were the iPod touch as well as flat-screen televisions and laptop computers.

Across the parking lot was a different story.

"When I got there, there was a couple people, maybe 10, if that," said Mariel Aceves, an agricultural science senior who works at Old Navy.

She said that she had arrived to work at 7 a.m. — two hours after the store opened — and foot traffic to the store was not particularly heavy.

"There was a constant stream of people 'but it wasn't terrible,' Aceves said. 'It wasn't insanely packed with people fighting each other for clothes.'"

She said her manager told her that there were a couple of people waiting outside when the store opened but that it was "just a handful."

Opening its doors around the time Aceves was arriving to work was neighboring business PetSmart.

"There was not a single customer at PetSmart at 7 a.m.," store



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Shoppers take a break from shopping on Black Friday to visit the Nintendo DS Spa Mall Experience at the Westfield Valley Fair Mall in San Jose, Calif. In San Luis Obispo, some stores, especially electronic stores, were busier than others.

operations manager Paul Williams said.

Williams said that neighboring stores such as Old Navy, Circuit City, Linen's and Things and Costco all had people waiting in line for the stores to open.

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## Schwarzenegger declares fiscal emergency

Juliet Williams  
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SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a fiscal emergency on Monday and called lawmakers into a special budget session, warning that California was in danger of running out of daily operating cash within two months.

The special session will force the new Legislature to get to work immediately and figure out a way to solve the \$11.2 billion budget deficit in the current fiscal year. The governor's declaration came just days after a previous special session with the outgoing class of lawmakers failed to produce a compromise.

Unless budget corrections are made quickly, the state is likely to run out of cash in February and see its revenue gap widen to \$28 billion over the next 19 months.

Schwarzenegger said legislators so far have failed to grasp the seriousness of the crisis, which is growing worse by the day.

"Without immediate action, our state is headed for a fiscal disaster where everyone will be hurt," Schwarzenegger said during a news conference in Los Angeles, where he signed three budget-related orders.

He warned of deep cuts that would have a "tremendously horrible effect on our school system" if the state were to run out of cash.

The Republican governor and Democrats in the Legislature have proposed a combination of tax hikes and spending cuts. Republican lawmakers have remained steadfast in their refusal to raise taxes but so far have not released an alternate proposal to close the \$11.2 billion shortfall.

Lawmakers failed to reach a compromise during the special session Schwarzenegger declared last month, pushing the problem to the new Legislature that was sworn in Monday.

Schwarzenegger said their failure to act has cost California an additional \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion because the state continues to spend at the same rate even as revenue declines.

His projection assumes lawmakers act on the final day of the new session and implement all the governor's recommendations. The figure could be lower if they act quickly, said his spokesman, Aaron McLearn.

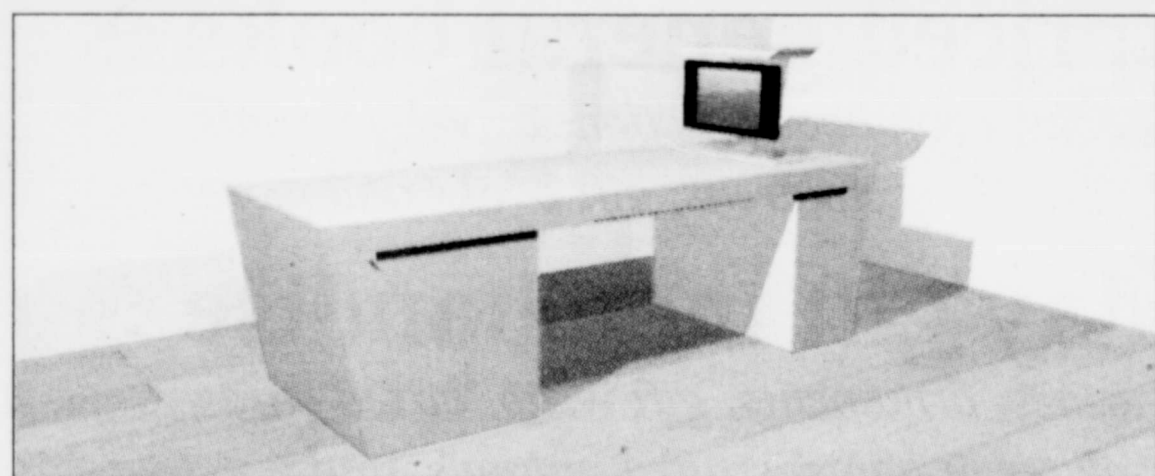
Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, in accepting her nomination to remain head of the Assembly, told her fellow lawmakers to put party ideology aside and help Californians.

"These are not ordinary times," said the Los Angeles Democrat. "Our state continues to be rocked by the deepening national recession. Our projected deficit is growing, and the cash we need on hand is disappearing."

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## If James Bond had a desk...

### Student designs high-tech desk of the future



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Two computer-generated prototypes show the eventual products that liberal arts engineering studies senior Bill Trammel plans to create and market.

Lauren Rabaino  
MUSTANG DAILY

Six years ago, before liberal arts engineering studies senior Bill Trammel became a Cal Poly student, he had an epiphany while sitting at his mahogany desk at home.

"What would this desk look like if Q from James Bond designed it?" he asked himself.

He pictured a desk with a sliding screen, a finger print recognition system and video conferencing — all from his single, sedentary unit of space.

"But the key point is that it would look like a completely ordinary desk," Trammel said, and the idea for his senior project was born.

Now, years later, he's finally turning his vision into a reality.

Although something as high-tech as finger print recognition isn't in his plans yet, the concept of an electromechanical desk controlled by buttons has kept Trammel and three classmates spending all their free time working out of a garage in San Luis Obispo for the past two months.

The team is designing furniture that treats computers as a crucial part of the structure, rather than an accessory to plop onto it.

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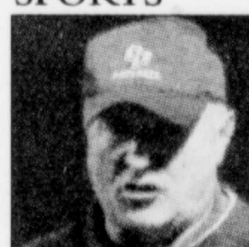
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## Schwarzenegger

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But there appeared to be little reason to believe that Republican lawmakers are any more likely to support Schwarzenegger's compromise appeal for program cuts and tax increases than they were when they rejected a Democratic proposal to do that last week.

Assembly Minority Leader Mike Villines, R-Clovis, said Republicans believe the problem can be solved in part by cutting wasteful spending, taxing offshore oil drilling, enacting a strict annual spending limit and approving an economic recovery plan.

"We know these are things that will help, and we don't know if it will solve the problem," Villines said in an interview in his office.

He said Republicans want Democrats to agree to long-term fiscal reforms such as the spending limit before they consider ways to solve the immediate cash crunch.

Democrats were expected to gain three seats in the state Assembly, but failed in the November elections to win a two-thirds majority in either house, which is needed to pass tax increases or a state budget.

Bass said she and incoming Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, planned to call a joint legislative session in the next week and a half to brief lawmakers about the extent of California's fiscal despair. She hoped the Democrats' increased margin in the Assembly might help them win a few votes for a budget plan that includes increasing taxes.

In calling another special session, Schwarzenegger offered the same budget plan lawmakers rejected last month.

His proposal includes raising the state

sales tax by 1.5 percentage points — or 1½ pennies on the dollar — for three years, generating \$3.5 billion in the current fiscal year.

He also seeks to expand the sales tax to include more services, increase the annual fee for registering vehicles and tax oil extracted in California.

He proposed cutting K-12 education funding by \$2.5 billion and funding for California's two largest college systems by \$132 million, as well as reducing the state's welfare-to-work program, CalWORKS, by 10 percent. Schwarzenegger also wants to cut two paid holidays for state workers.

Schwarzenegger and other governors were expected to meet with President-elect Barack Obama on Tuesday at the National Governors' Convention in Philadelphia. Schwarzenegger said he will urge Obama to invest in infrastructure to stimulate job creation and boost the ailing economy.

Steve Levy, director of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy in Palo Alto, said a true economic stimulus for the state's economy requires a large infusion of money, something not available to Schwarzenegger or lawmakers.

None of the proposed deficit solutions would do much to boost the economy, he said.

"If the choice is cutting programs or

raising taxes to maintain programs, either way somebody's going to take a hit," Levy said.

Schwarzenegger called two special sessions on Monday, one addressing the budget deficit in the current fiscal year and another to consider an economic stimulus plan.

The stimulus session would focus on releasing infrastructure bond money, preventing more home foreclosures through loan modifications and preventing the state's unemployment insurance fund from sliding into insolvency, which is projected to have a \$2.4 billion shortfall next year.

Schwarzenegger enacted the fiscal emergency under Proposition 58, the initiative

approved by voters the year after he took office. It forces the Legislature to address the current-year budget deficit within 45 days or they would be prevented from acting on any other bills until the problem is solved.

Some lawmakers are skeptical the Legislature can put the state on track to financial health. Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee, R-San Luis Obispo, introduced a resolution Monday calling for a constitutional convention to reform the budget process and tax code.

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signs declarations of a fiscal emergency and called lawmakers into a special session Monday to address California's \$11.2 billion budget deficit as well as a special session to take up a package of economic stimulus proposals.

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# Desk

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"Assimilating people's physical environment and their technological, computing environment hasn't happened yet," Trammel said.

The basic idea is that people can have the ability to own both a desk and computer, and use both at the level at which they're supposed to be used.

The design would allow LCD flat screen monitors to retract within the desk when the monitor is not in use. A swivel panel would allow the back of the computer tower to be accessed without having to pull the entire appliance off the shelf.

A sliding panel within the desk, built by LAES junior Ryan Inouye, will house the keyboard.

All the electro-mechanical actions will be controlled through buttons at the edge of the desk.

"Basically what we'd be doing is creating desks with a series of mechanisms installed in them that can handle whatever computer system that they have, as long as it's a flat screen," Trammel explained.

The concept is derived from structures already prevalent in homes of celebrities and in major casinos.

"The technology is all already out there," Trammel said. "It just hasn't been applied in home office or in an executive and personal environment."

Trammel said the way desks and computers function together traditionally isn't ideal; when people want to use their desk, they usually have to move the keyboard and wires out of the way.

"If you have your computer always available, your productivity goes down about 50 percent, at least for me," he said.

When a person can put the computer away, instead of having it always available on top of the desk, Trammel predicted productivity will go up.

"When it's out of sight and out of mind — it doesn't damage your productivity," Trammel

said.

The eventual goal is to create a company, since neither the technology nor furniture industries have made the transition yet.

"You kind of have to start from scratch," Trammel said. He predicted that if a furniture company tried to incorporate the concept into their work, they would damage the customer loyalty they've built up for years.

"The industry is small enough that there's less barriers of entry for someone to come in and make an integrated design company," he added.

Based on Trammel's informal surveys, the product seems to be popular.

"When I tell people about it I usually get two reactions," Trammel said. "One, 'Can I buy one right now?' or, 'Yeah, and—' and they come up with another idea."

LAES junior and project co-designer MJ Robotham said he was originally skeptical about the concept.

"At first when he started talking about desks, I was kind of speechless, like, 'Really? Desks?'" Robotham said.

But after he understood the huge business potential, he has dedicated his time to turning the idea into an eventual business.

Ryan Alba, an LAES senior who is helping with the project, said he knew from the start that he wanted to be involved.

"I knew Bill and MJ from last year, and I've seen Bill's leadership skills and I know anything he does is going to be a great, great experience," Alba said.

Plus, he's learning skills that will eventually help him establish his own start-up.

"Apart from the design part — which I love — I learn a lot from the business side of it," he said. "I want to be an entrepreneur, that's what my parents do."

Last week, the group got their automation control equipment and plans to have a bulk of the mechanical work done by Thanksgiving.

The final prototype will be completed by Dec. 12 for a business plan competition.

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—Bill Trammel  
LAES senior

# Shopping

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"It was very unexpected for Costco to have any kind of line outside because I thought they were already at rock-bottom prices," Williams said. "Costco was handing out a coupon book at the door. It was mostly plasma TVs that were being bought ... a lot of electronics were going out the door, not necessarily food items or the bulk items that people normally purchase from Costco."

Williams wasn't surprised that PetSmart wasn't as busy as some of the other retail stores in the complex because he said that consumers tend to shop for other "human family members" before making purchases for their pets.

"I think people tend to spend a little more money on pets after the holidays," he said.

He added that the Irish Hills put out advertising a little late this year but that other stores didn't seem to suffer from

it.

"Unfortunately, we just didn't see the traffic," Williams said.

One store that saw an increase in traffic, but not necessarily sales was BevMo!

"We had a lot of stop-bys," said BevMo! assistant manager Steve Garcia.

Garcia said many people were in town for the holidays and that he noticed more families coming in to browse for non-alcoholic items such as gift cards, glasses and food items.

"They were probably getting ideas for their dinner parties or Christmas parties," he said.

One popular item that Garcia said was requested more on Black Friday was a licorice-flavored drink called Absinthe.

"Absinthe has been a nice seller," he said. "People are looking for that warm drink for the winter."

Garcia added that big sellers for this time of year are gift cards to the store.

"That's a little more common now than the non-holiday (season)," he said.

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# Obama taps Clinton, Gates for U.S. 'new dawn' abroad

Liz Sidoti

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Barack Obama promised "a new dawn of American leadership" in a troubled world Monday, announcing a strong-willed national security team headed by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who fought him long and bitterly for the presidency, and Robert Gates, the man who has been running two wars for George W. Bush.

The president-elect said he hadn't changed his mind about bringing most U.S. combat troops home from Iraq within 16 months but added a cautionary note — he'll consult with his military commanders first.

While his new team may be a bit more centrist — some war opponents might even say hawkish — than many Obama supporters might prefer, he said the withdrawal timetable he emphasized in the presidential campaign is still "the right time frame."

Clinton, as secretary of state, and Gates, remaining as defense secretary, will be the most prominent faces — besides Obama's own — of the new administration's effort to revamp U.S. policy abroad.

At a Chicago news conference,

Obama also tapped top advisers Eric Holder as attorney general and Susan Rice as ambassador to the United Nations. He named Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano to be homeland security secretary and retired Marine Gen. James Jones as White House national security adviser.

The choices had been telegraphed days earlier but were remarkable all the same — still another major turn in Clinton's extraordinary career, a show of faith in Gates and action to support Obama's frequent talk of desiring robust debate among seasoned, opinionated people in his inner circle.

Denouncing White House "group think," Obama signaled a break from President Bush's tendency toward an insular management style and go-with-the-gut diplomacy.

"The time has come for a new beginning," said Obama, flanked by flags on a stage with Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his six newest appointees. While Gates will stay at the Pentagon, Obama said the military's new mission will be "responsibly ending the war in Iraq through a successful transition to Iraqi control."

He said a newly completed agreement between Iraq and the



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President-elect Barack Obama, left, stands with Secretary of State-designate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., center, and National Security Adviser-designate Ret. Marine Gen. James Jones, right, at a news conference in Chicago, Monday.

Bush administration covering U.S. troops signals "a transition period in which our mission is changing." He added: "It indicates we are now on a glide path to reduce our forces in Iraq."

Obama has now selected half his Cabinet, including the high-profile jobs at State, Defense, Justice and Treasury. A week ago, he named his economic team, led by Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary. And soon he plans to announce New Mexico Gov. Bill

Richardson as commerce secretary and former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle as health and human services secretary.

Obama's picks suggest he is mindful of his own relative inexperience; most of the appointees have decades more experience in government than he does as a former one-term Illinois senator. The selections also reflect his long-voiced desire to invite divergent viewpoints to chart the best course for the country.

## Winners of close California races take office

Steve Lawrence

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The winners of the closest legislative races on California's Nov. 4 ballot were sworn in Monday after weeks of vote-counting gave them razor-thin victories.

Democrat Alyson Huber, a Lodi attorney, joined the other 79 members of the Assembly to take the oath of office as the 2009 Legislature met to elect its officers, launch a pair of special sessions focused on the state's budget woes and begin introducing bills.

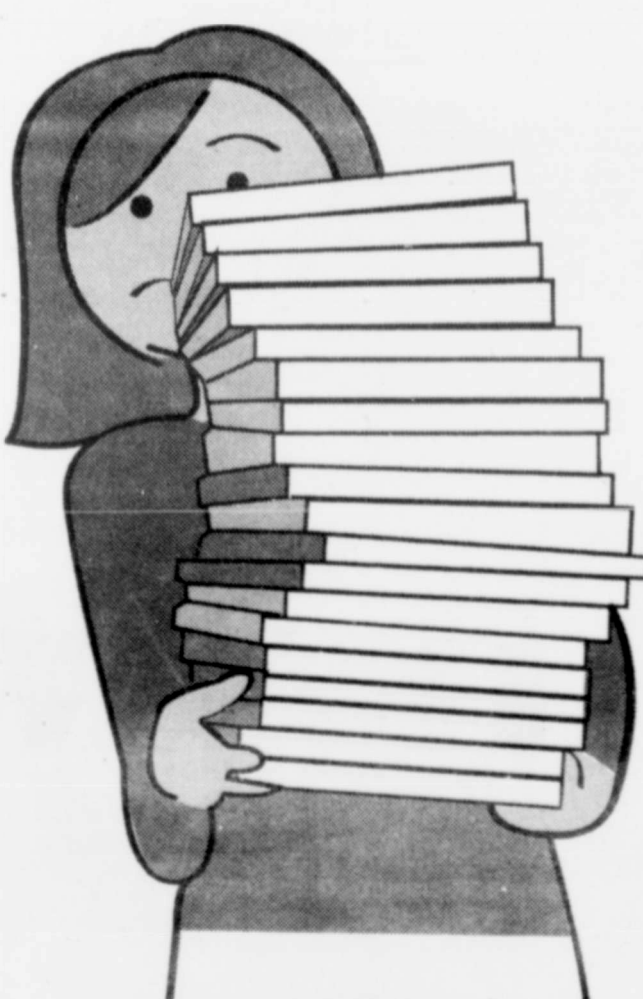
Huber beat former San Joaquin County Supervisor Jack Sieglock by a little more than 500 votes out of nearly 176,000 cast. She won the seat formerly held by Republican Alan Nakanishi of Stockton, who was termed out.

Huber's victory gave Democrats 51 of the Assembly's 80 seats, the most they've had in 30 years.

Meanwhile, Republican Tony Strickland, a former assemblyman from Thousand Oaks, was sworn into the state Senate, replacing termed-out Republican Tom McClintock, also of Thousand Oaks. McClintock claimed victory Monday in a Northern California congressional race.

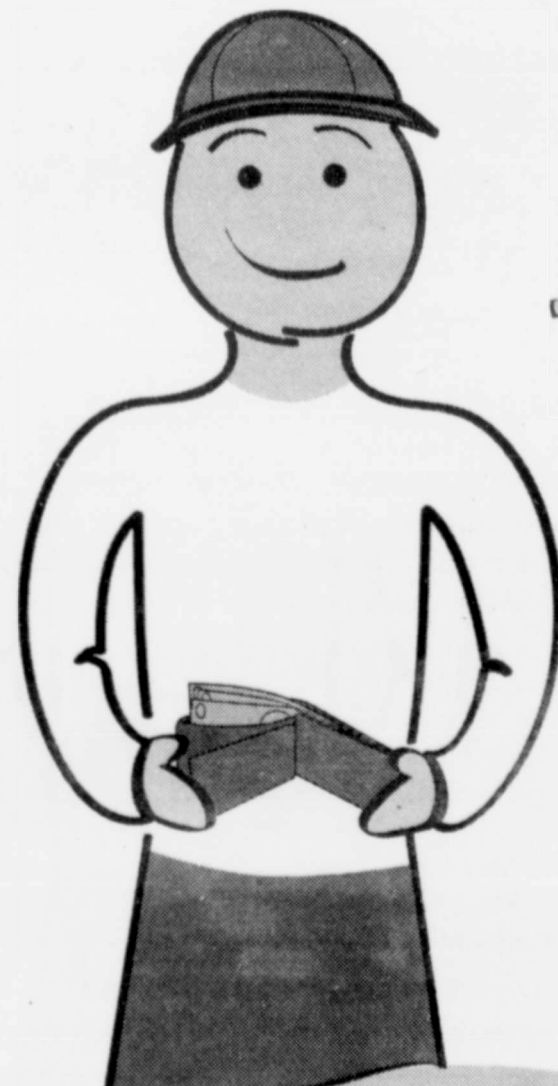
Strickland beat Democrat Hannah-Beth Jackson, a former assemblywoman from Santa Barbara, by about 900 votes, or two-tenths of a percentage point.

"I'm wishing it had been different," Jackson told The Associated Press on Monday in conceding defeat. "But somebody's got to win and somebody's got to lose."



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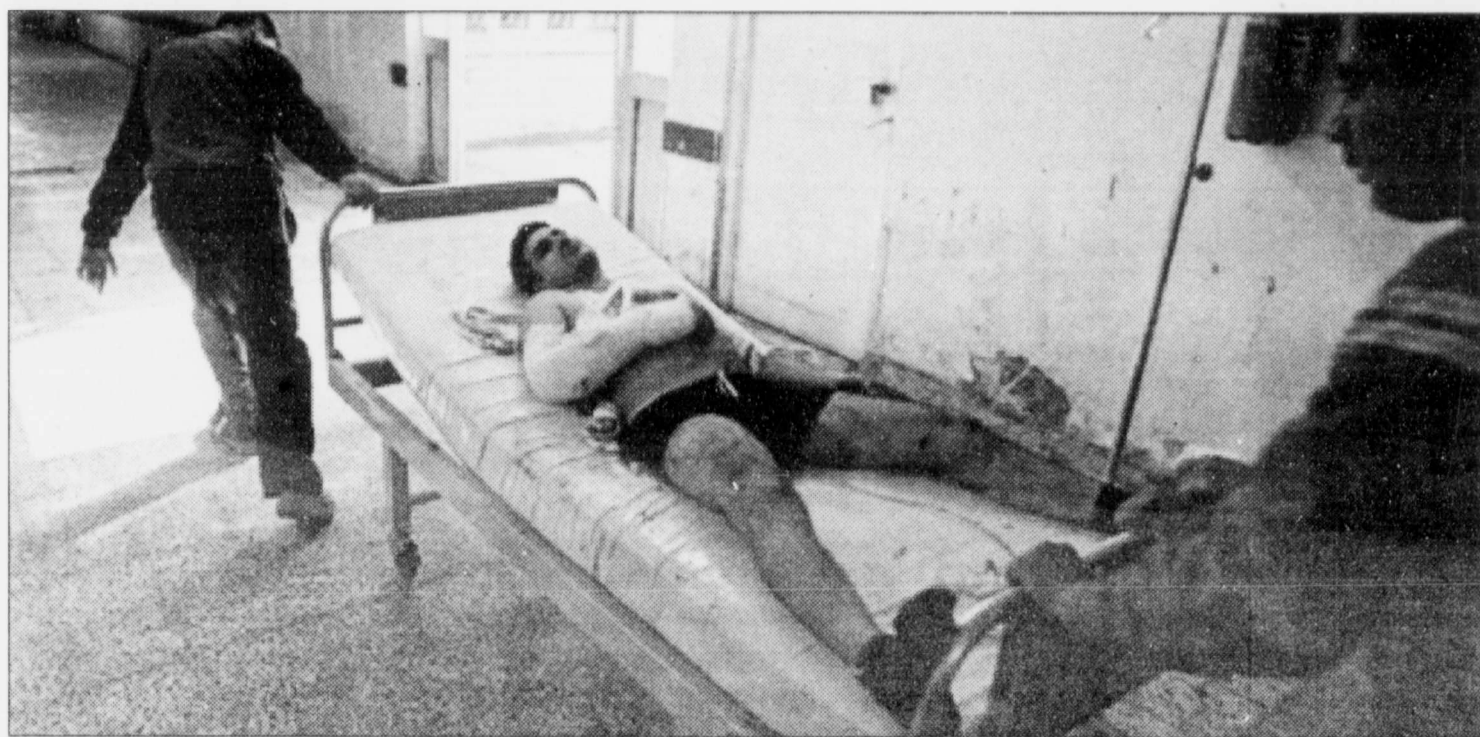
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A man injured in a twin bombing near the entrance to a police academy is transported out of the emergency room at a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday.

## Bombs kill more than 30 in Baghdad and Mosul

Kim Gamel

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A suicide bombing tore through a line of recruits waiting to enter a police academy as multiple blasts struck Iraqi security forces Monday, killing at least 33 people and wounding dozens including four U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi general.

The wave of violence in Baghdad and the northern city of Mosul occurred as U.S. combat deaths for November dropped to one of the lowest monthly levels of the war — eight — a sign that extremists are focusing on Iraqi forces as the U.S. scales down its battlefield role.

Insurgents appear to be increasingly targeting Iraqi forces who are more vulnerable than the heavily armored U.S. troops even as the Iraqis try to take over their own security so the Americans can go home.

The bloodiest attack in the capital began when a suicide bomber — apparently a teenage boy — detonated an explosives vest packed with ball-bearings as recruits were lined up to be searched at an entrance to the heavily fortified Baghdad police academy.

Within minutes, a car parked about 150 yards away exploded, apparently aimed at those responding to the initial blast, the U.S. military said.

At least 16 people — five policemen and 11 recruits — were killed and nearly 50 wounded, according to police and hospital officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information.

Bloodied police uniforms and combat boots were scattered with the crumpled metal hulk of the car bomb

on the charred street after the bombings.

Iraqi military spokesman Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Mousawi's office gave a slightly lower toll of 11 killed, while the U.S. military said 12 Iraqi police were killed.

One wounded 22-year-old recruit said he had been standing in line with other applicants at the time of the attack.

"We came today for an appointment at the academy and I learned later that some of my friends were killed in the second explosion," Ali Nasir said. "It seems that there is no security and terrorism will not end."

The twin bombings occurred shortly after a roadside bomb elsewhere in Baghdad targeted Maj. Gen. Mudhir al-Mola, a senior government official overseeing affairs related to U.S.-allied fighters who recently have been turned over to government control in the capital.

A bodyguard was killed, but al-Mola escaped with minor injuries, according to the U.S. military.

Another roadside bomb struck a police patrol in eastern Baghdad, killing one officer and wounding four other people.

In Mosul, a suicide car bomber detonated his explosives as a joint U.S.-Iraqi convoy drove by in a crowded commercial area, police said.

Mohammed al-Nuaimi, a 30-year-old employee of a nearby tire store who was wounded, said local businessmen had received verbal warnings to leave the area.

"We started to close our shops and people were trying to flee when a U.S.-Iraqi convoy passed. One minute later, a big explosion took place," he said.

At least 15 people were killed and 30 wounded in that attack, officials said.

## French first lady joins global fight against AIDS



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French First Lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, right, and executive director of the Geneva-based Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Michel Kazatchkine, attend a press conference on World Aids Day, Monday, in Paris.

Joelle Diderich

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France's glamorous first lady threw her considerable star power behind the global fight against AIDS on Monday, as the world tallied the victims of the HIV virus that infects a new person every 15 seconds.

As ceremonies marked World AIDS Day, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy signed on to become a goodwill ambassador for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, which said it has provided lifesaving treatment to two million people living with HIV worldwide.

"I think the world has become used to AIDS," the model-turned-singer told a news conference in Paris. "We no longer see it as a scandal or an emergency."

Bruni-Sarkozy, who lost her brother Virginio to AIDS two years ago, said her work will focus on helping women and children infected with HIV, the virus that causes the disease. She pledged to fight the stigma that is still attached to AIDS in many countries.

"There is no greater cruelty than to be excluded from your own family and your own community because you are infected with a deadly disease," she said.

Some 500,000 children are born each year infected with HIV and 290,000 of them died in 2007 as a result, the Global Fund said. With access to antiretroviral drugs, the risk of virus transmission from an HIV-positive mother to her baby can be slashed to less than five percent, it added.

Bruni-Sarkozy said she would divert the constant media attention she has attracted since her whirlwind wedding to President Nicolas Sarkozy this year toward the battle against AIDS. She also planned to tap her extensive contacts in the music and fashion industries for fundraising.

Irish singer and activist Bono called her appointment "a great coup" for the Global Fund.

An estimated 33 million people worldwide are infected with the HIV virus, the vast majority of them in Africa, but no country is spared.

In a rare government disclosure, Iran said Monday it has registered more than 18,000 HIV-positive citizens and estimated the true number of infected to be as high as 100,000.

China — which for years also covered up the disease — vowed to

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## Orphan of slain rabbi in Mumbai lands in Israel

Mark Lavie

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The cries of little Moshe Holtzberg wounded hearts Monday at a tearful memorial for his parents in India. "Mommy, mommy, mommy!" he wailed, clutching a toy basketball while squirming in the arms of mourners at the Mumbai synagogue.

Then the toddler and the caretaker who rescued him from the terrorist attack boarded a jet along with the bodies of his parents and four other Jews slain at the Chabad House to fly to Israel — a place the curly-haired 2-year-old had never seen.

The wrenching scene at the service played over and over again on Israeli television as government officials, Chabad leaders and relatives prepared for the funerals of the victims and the

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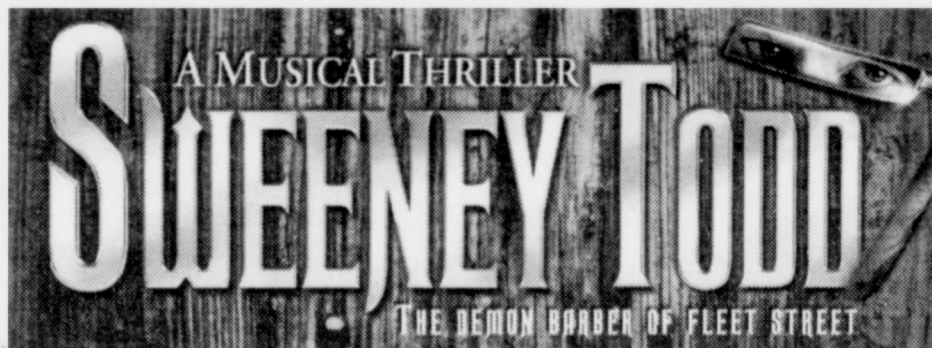
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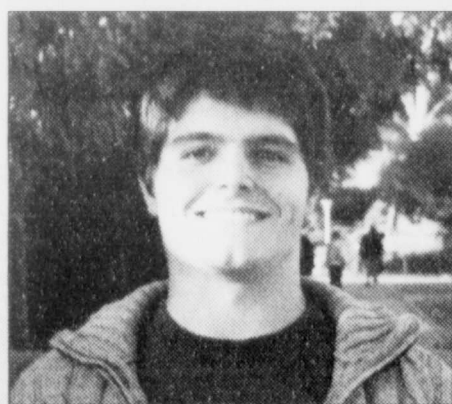
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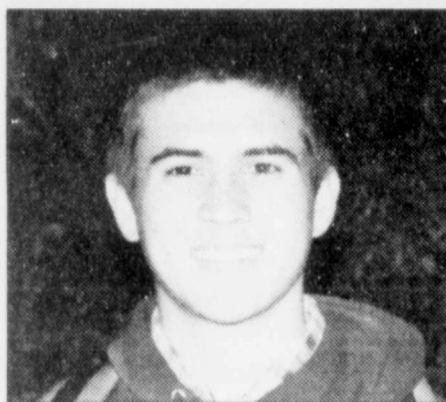
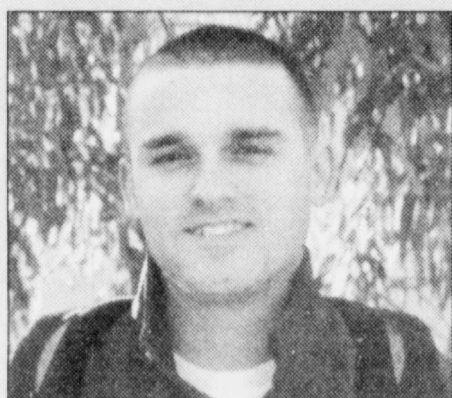


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## Briefs

## State

**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — A group of Democratic state lawmakers is asking the federal government to provide more financial aid to the nation's cash-strapped public colleges.

Seven members of the California Assembly introduced a non-binding resolution Monday stating that higher education is critical to the U.S. economy and deserves a bailout as much as the banking industry.

The bill calls on Congress and President-elect Barack Obama to devote \$70 billion toward creating a student loan forgiveness program and student grants modeled after the World War II-era GI Bill.

Leaders of the California State University and University of California systems have warned they plan to curtail student enrollment next fall if they don't get more state funding.

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**BENECIA, Calif. (AP)** — The federal government has hired a company to remove toxic paint from dozens of mothballed warships anchored near San Francisco Bay.

Monday's announcement comes more than a year after environmental groups filed suit to force the government to clean up toxic pollution caused by the decaying naval ships.

## National

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)** — A television anchorwoman killed in her home had been sexually assaulted and beaten so badly in a suspected burglary that her jaw shattered and she broke a hand while trying to fend off her attacker's blows, her parents said Monday.

"This monster stole my daughter's innocence," said Patti Cannady, the mother of Anne Pressly, on NBC's "Today."

"He took her life. He took her identity. He took our lives," she said.

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**SMITH POINT, Texas (AP)** — A 30-mile scar of debris along the Texas coast stands as a festering testament to what state and local officials say is FEMA's sluggish response to the 2008 hurricane season.

Two and a half months after Hurricane Ike blasted the shoreline, alligators and snakes crawl over vast piles of shattered building materials, lawn furniture, trees, boats, tanks of butane and other hazardous substances, thousands of animal carcasses, perhaps even the corpses of people killed by the storm.

State and local officials complain that the removal of the filth has gone almost nowhere because FEMA red tape has held up both the cleanup work and the release of the millions of dollars that Chambers County says it needs to pay for the project.

## International

**LONDON (AP)** — Happily contemplating another woman as the top U.S. diplomat, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Monday she will offer advice, privately, and then get out of the way.

"She won't — and you won't — hear from me again," Rice said on the day President-elect Barack Obama named Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton to be the next secretary of state. "I will certainly not make the effort to comment on everything that is done."

Rice, in London on a farewell tour, said there's a lot to recommend the U.S. system of four-year presidential terms, and thus relatively short tours of duty for Cabinet ministers.

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**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)** — An eclectic group from Hamas officials to a flag-waving scout troop showed up to greet a Libyan ship planning to flout an Israeli blockade and deliver 3,000 tons of aid to this impoverished seaside strip. But they met only disappointment.

The freighter was turned back Monday by the Israeli navy, ending the first high-profile attempt by an Arab country to break the blockade of Gaza. Analysts said the incident showed that Arab and Muslim nations, while eager to end Gaza's isolation, won't risk military confrontation with Israel.

## Orphan

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future of the orphaned Moshe.

The Israeli air force plane landed at Israel's international airport just before midnight and Israeli officials joined relatives and friends of the victims.

Moshe's father, Rabbi Gavriel Noach Holtzberg, 29, and mother, Rivka, 28, ran the headquarters of the ultra-Orthodox Chabad Lubavitch movement in Mumbai. They were among six Israeli citizens killed at the center during the city's three-day terror siege.

Moshe was spirited out of Chabad House on Thursday by Sandra Samuel, a nanny who had worked at the center for years. She found him crying beside his parents' bodies, his pants drenched in blood.



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Moshe Holtzberg, the 2-year-old orphan of the rabbi and his wife slain in the Mumbai Jewish center, cries during a memorial service at a synagogue in Mumbai, India, Monday.

## AIDS

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do more to tackle the stigma. The government promised to strengthen education about AIDS prevention, increase condom distribution and do more to reach high-risk groups. An estimated 700,000 Chinese have the virus.

The rate of HIV infection in Europe almost doubled between 2000 and 2007, reaching the highest level ever recorded in the region, the health agencies of the U.N. and European Union said in a report.

South Africa has an estimated 5.5 million people living with the HIV virus — the highest total of any country. About 1,000 South Africans die each day of the disease and complications like tuberculosis. Even more become infected be-

cause prevention messages have not worked.

Yet for years, the South African government of former President Thabo Mbeki played down the extent of the crisis. Mbeki himself doubted the link between HIV and AIDS. His health minister, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, openly mistrusted conventional AIDS drugs and instead promoted the value of lemons, garlic, beetroot and the African potato.

Researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health last month calculated that government delays in introducing AIDS drugs between 2000 and 2005 cost more than 330,000 lives in South Africa.

"We have to mourn the lives of those we have not saved," said Barbara Hogan, the health minister who replaced Tshabalala-Msimang after Mbeki was ousted in October.



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# Bush tells media that he's sorry about economic crisis



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President George W. Bush, right, talks with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson during a plenary session on Saturday in Washington. President Bush invited leaders of the G-20 community to Washington for a week-end summit to discuss the world economy and the current condition of the financial markets.

Deb Riechmann

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President George W. Bush expressed remorse that the global financial crisis has cost jobs and harmed retirement accounts and said he'll back more government intervention if needed to ease the recession.

"I'm sorry it's happening, of course," Bush said in a wide-ranging interview with ABC's "World News," which was airing Monday. "Obviously I don't like the idea of people losing jobs, or being worried about their 401(k)s. On the other hand, the American people got to know that we will safeguard the system. I mean, we're in. And if we need to be in more, we will."

The U.S. economy fell into a recession in December 2007, the National Bureau of Economic Research reported on Monday. Many economists believe the current downturn will last until the middle of 2009 and will be the most severe slump since the 1981-82 recession.

On the war in Iraq, Bush said the biggest regret of his presidency was the "intelligence failure" regarding the extent of the Saddam Hussein threat to the United States. With the support of Congress, Bush ordered the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003 — a decision largely justified on grounds — later proved false — that Saddam was building weapons of mass destruction.

Asked if he would have ordered the U.S.-led invasion if intelligence reports had accurately indicated that Saddam did not have the weapons, Bush replied: "You know, that's an interesting question. That is a do-over that I can't do. It's hard for me to speculate."

During a discussion about what Americans should know about what it is like to be president, Bush was asked what he was most unprepared for going into the office.

"I think I was unprepared for war," he said. "In other words, I didn't campaign and say, 'Please vote for me, I'll be able to handle an attack.' In other words, I didn't anticipate war. Presidents — one of the

things about the modern presidency is that the unexpected will happen."

On the presidential election, Bush called Barack Obama's victory a "repudiation of Republicans."

"I'm sure some people voted for Barack Obama because of me," said Bush, who leaves office with low approval ratings. "I think most people voted for Barack Obama because they decided they wanted him to be in their living room for the next four years explaining policy. In other words, they made a conscious choice to put him in as president."

As he leaves office, Bush said he felt responsible for the economic downturn because it's occurring on his watch, but he added: "I think when the history of this period is written, people will realize a lot of the decisions that were made on Wall Street took place over a decade or so" before he became president.

He said he would like to see "instant liquidity" in the markets given the extent of the financial rescue plan, yet he understands that fear has paralyzed the markets.

"It is hard for the average citizen to understand how frozen the system became and how over-leveraged the system became," Bush said.

"And so what we're watching is the de-leveraging of our financial markets, which is obviously affecting the growth of the economy."

Last week, the Bush administration and the Federal Reserve pledged \$800 billion to break through blockades on credit cards, auto loans, mortgages and other borrowing. The latest moves raised U.S. commitments to contain the financial crisis to nearly \$7 trillion — though no one thinks the government will actually spend that much.

The figures include loans that are expected to be repaid, loan authorities to back mortgages, purchases of stock in banks, guarantees to support loans among banks and pledges backing other transactions.

"This economy will recover," Bush said in the interview conducted last Wednesday at the Camp David, Md., presidential retreat. "And when it recovers, many of the assets backed by the government now will be redeemed, and we will — could conceivably — make money off of some of the holdings."

Later in the interview, he said: "I can't guarantee that we'll get all our money back, but it's conceivable we could."

## Palin helps Republican in Senate runoff election

Shannon McCaffrey and Greg Bluestein

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Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin urged Georgia voters to back Sen. Saxby Chambliss in Tuesday's runoff in an election eve appeal that underscored her popularity within the Republican Party and the GOP's efforts to stave off erosion of its shrinking Senate numbers.

"Losing an election doesn't mean we have lost our way," the former vice presidential candidate told a cheering crowd of 2,500 on Monday in the central Georgia town of Perry. "If we are to lead again, we have lots of hard work ahead of us. Let it begin here tomorrow in Georgia."

Democrat Jim Martin staged a flurry of campaign rallies around the state, capping the day with a raucous event at the state Capitol with hip-hop stars T.I., Young Jeezy and Ludacris urging voters to return to the polls.

"We won the battle," said Young Jeezy, referring to President-elect Barack Obama's victory. "Now it's time we win the war. Vote Jim Martin."

Palin's campaign appearances for Chambliss — four total — were her first since she and Republican presidential nominee John McCain stumbled on Nov. 4. Georgia Republicans clearly were looking ahead, with supporters waiting in the cold for more than an hour to attend the rallies. Vendors in Augusta sold bright pink "Palin 2012" T-shirts and "Palin for President: You Go Girl!" buttons. Chants of "Sa-rah!" greeted Palin.

Palin highlighted Chambliss' conservative record of supporting gun rights and opposing abortion. Faced with the prospect of Democrats padding their Senate numbers — they are two votes shy of the 60 needed to thwart Republican filibusters — Palin said it was critical to elect the first-term Republican lawmaker.

"We must send Saxby back to the United States Senate," Palin told the crowd in Augusta.

In the general election, Chambliss fell short of crossing the 50 percent threshold in a three-way race against Martin and a Libertarian candidate, Allen Buckley, who drew 3.4 percent of the vote. The

runoff between Chambliss and Martin will help determine the balance of power in Washington. Georgia is one of two undecided contests, with a recount under way in Minnesota in the tight race between Republican Sen. Norm Coleman and Democrat Al Franken.

All signs from early voting for the runoff pointed toward Chambliss holding the seat.

The contest has attracted almost 500,000 early voters and some 36 percent are white males, typically a solid Republican constituency in the state. In the weeks leading up to the general election, white males cast about 27 percent of the more than 2 million early votes.

Less than 23 percent of the early voters for the runoff are black — a drop from the surge of black voters in the run-up to the general election. Black voters made up more than 34 percent of the 2 million early voters before the Nov. 4 contest when President-elect Barack Obama was on the ballot.

Palin cast the Georgia runoff as the first step in rehabilitating the Republican Party, wounded by losses in November including the defeat of the McCain-Palin ticket.

"It takes rebuilding and I say let that begin here in Georgia tomorrow," Palin said.

In Alaska, Democratic Party chairwoman Patti Higgins criticized Palin for campaigning in Georgia with problems looming at home, including gas prices that are nearly \$1 more per gallon than the national average and the falling price of crude oil, which drives the state budget.

"It's one thing to run the state from a Blackberry when you're just troubleshooting and helping solve some problems, but where is she sitting down with her staff, being proactive and trying to solve some problems that are on the horizon?" Higgins said. "I don't see that."

Martin supporters didn't waste the chance to take shots of their own at Palin.

"Anybody that would bring Sarah Palin to Georgia needs to be sent back to wherever they came from," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., who was at the rally. "McCain blew it with Sarah Palin and now Mr. Saxby is doing the same thing."

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## BLOODY BARBER MAKES HIS WAY TO PAC

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A less-gory version of the Demon Barber of Fleet Street, "Sweeney Todd," will slice its way through the Central Coast with a new minimalist interpretation of Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning Broadway musical this Thursday night at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.

"This is the kind of show that can turn people who do not normally attend musicals into fans of musical theatre," said Steven Lorian, director of Cal Poly Arts.

Director John Doyle's total re-invention of Sondheim's now classic tale of justice has brought rave reviews from The Wall Street Journal, who called it "The greatest musical of the past half-century... a staging of the utmost force and originality."

When the curtains open at 7 p.m., a talented collection of 10 actors and musicians will take center

stage with Merritt David Janes as Sweeney Todd. Janes' role as the demon barber will sure to please those who saw Janes star as the easygoing Jersey boy Robbie Hart in last season's musical "The Wedding Singer."

Sweeney Todd is based off of the 19th century legend of a London barber who turned to a life a crime after a malevolent judge took his wife and child from him. Sweeney takes his rage out on his wealthy customers by killing them and taking their valuables. To dispose of their bodies, he partners up with a businesswoman, Mrs. Lovett, played by Carrie Cimmera, who bakes the human flesh into her meat pies.

Many students will most likely recognize "Sweeney Todd" from the Tim Burton's 2007 movie adaptation, starring Johnny Depp. However, the musical first premiered on Broadway in 1979 with a 27-piece symphonic orchestra and 30-member cast.

In this adaptation, John Doyle takes the giant



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Members of the "Sweeney Todd" cast perform. Director Doyle will bring his cast to the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center on Dec. 4.

Broadway show and cuts it down to its fundamentals with less gore than audiences might be used to. The actors never leave the stage because, when they are not the focus of the scene, they perform all of the music composed for the musical.

The forebodingly plain set is stripped to the bare essentials and the actors utilize only a few essential props to bring the audience to the different locations of 19th century London.

Following a highly-successful London engagement, Doyle's production of Sweeney Todd opened on Broadway in 2005 to universal critical acclaim where it won the Drama League, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle Awards for "Best Revival of a Musical," and was awarded a Special Citation by the New York Drama Critics Circle.

"I think it going to be one of the most fun and interesting show of the year. This show just

wows people in New York. For students it should be a nice break before finals," said Lorian.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from \$44 to \$68 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center ticket office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. this week.

However, students from all locations with valid identification are eligible for \$10 at-door rush tickets one hour prior to curtain. Cal Poly faculty and staff may also purchase any available at-door rush tickets at a 20 percent discount with Cal Poly identification at the door.

Due to content, the performance is recommended for adults and students over the age of 14.



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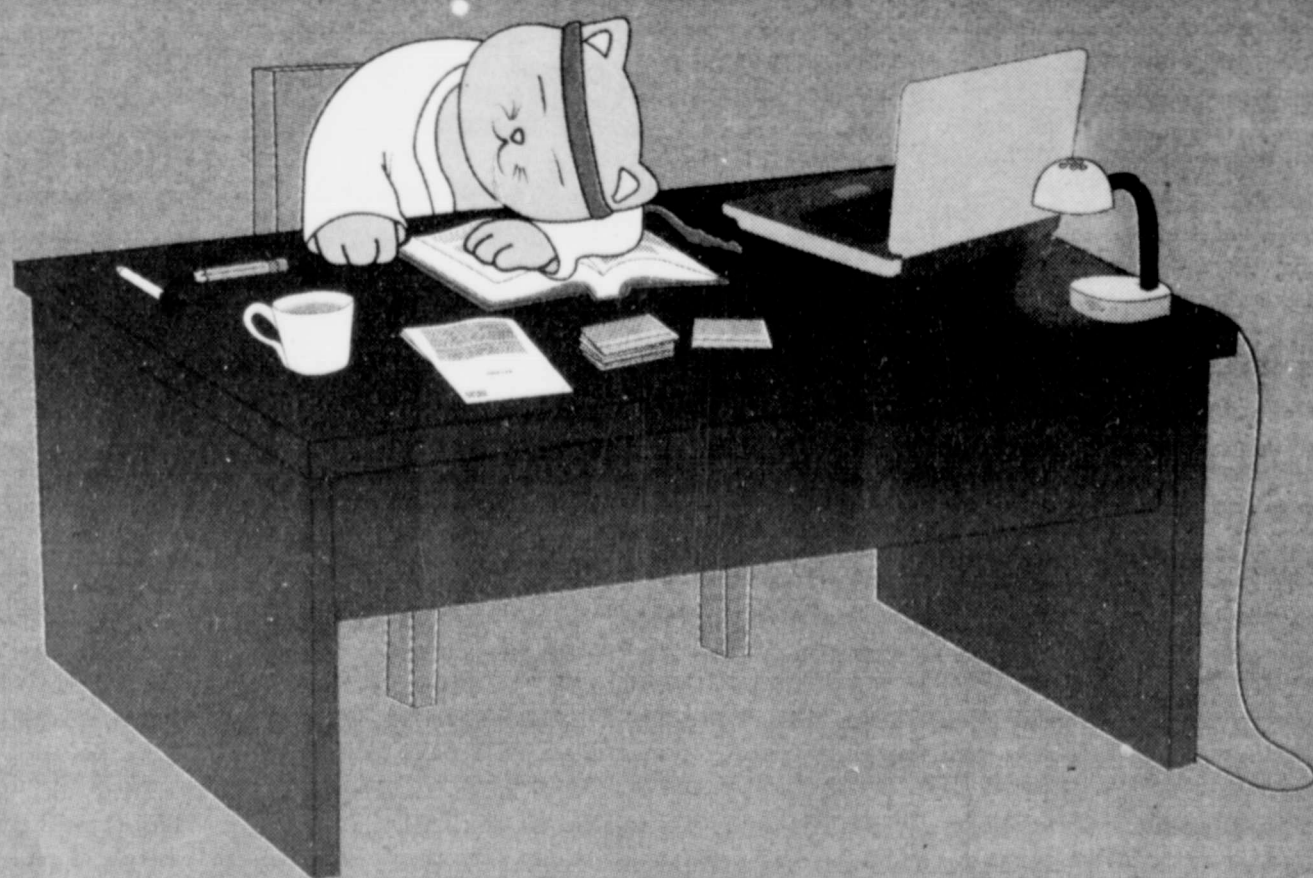
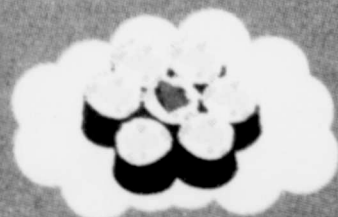
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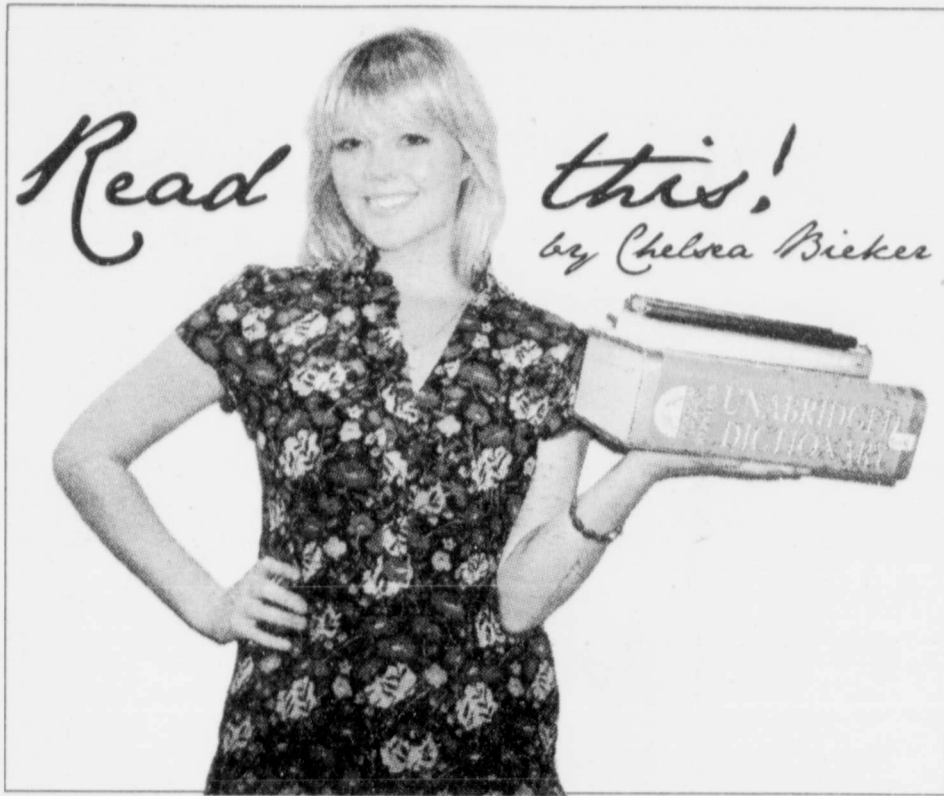
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## Bonds of friendship, family put to the test in Morrison's "Mercy"

I first discovered Toni Morrison by chance when a friend lent me "The Bluest Eye." I did not expect to be completely enraptured by the writing. In fact, I put off reading it for a few weeks. I am glad that I uncovered it later though because it proved to be one of the most powerful novels I have ever read. This year, I have been fortunate enough to be a part of Regulus Allen's African American Literature class, in which we are currently reading Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning fifth novel, "Beloved."

It is because of my previous exposure to this Nobel Prize-winning author that her latest novel, "A Mercy," caught my eye. Skip ahead to her ninth work of art; here we find many themes common in her other works. Dealing with a shameful period in America's past, Morrison takes us on a journey to the late 1600s where we become entangled in the lives of four women, who against all odds are able to form a sort of family structure under the burden of skin colors that divide them.

Interestingly, Morrison chooses to develop the main white male character into something more than a depiction of the rash and abusive slaveholder that was common in that time. New York farmer Jacob Vaark says outright that he prefers to not do business in "flesh," and turns away all of the ideas that slavery stands for.

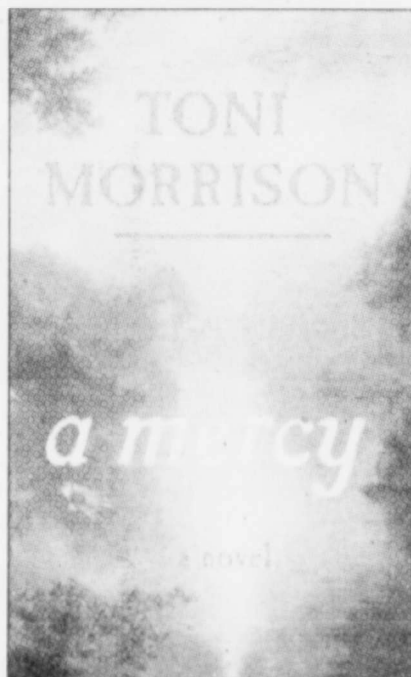
Vaark is a simple man, but after a trip to Maryland to seek the fulfillment of a debt owed to him, he is thwarted by the elaborate mansion that Senhor D'Ortega lives in with his decadent wife. Although repulsed, he finds himself yearning for the same luxuries.

It is here he discovers that, for all of D'Ortega's superficial possessions, he has no real money to offer him. He does however offer Vaark a slave.

After much discussion Vaark accepts Florens, a young slave girl as repayment, in an attempt to save her life. Thinking that she could serve as a companion

and source of help to his wife, Vaark does not feel bad about his decision and brings her back to his farm.

Although Florens comes off as a generally happy girl, she has many issues stewing under her smile. She combats serious feelings of abandonment after being given away by her mother and, in her mind, her mother preferred her brother. Seeking praise wherever she goes and through everything she does, Florens proves to be eager to please as well as eager to love. After falling madly in love with a free African blacksmith, she indulges herself in the romance of it all and we see her genuine perspective come through in the pages. My favorite parts of this novel were when Morrison would write using the voice of Florens.



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Lina, an Indian woman, whose tribe was plagued by disease, also inhabits the farm. She proves to be an insightful, interesting perspective throughout the novel. As the mother figure of the book, Lina finds a deep friendship with Vaark's wife, Rebekka, as well as their young daughter, Patrician.

The Vaark family is a tragic one however and Rebekka seems to be cursed when it comes to childbearing, as all of her children die young. After she becomes severely ill, it is Lina who realizes that without her, the slave women will be unsafe in the world.

The book's end is the most powerful, told through the unsuspecting eyes of Florens' mother. As with Morrison's other novels, do not expect to come out of reading this unscathed. Her talent is abundant; the way she is able to paint a picture of that time period with vivid descriptions and acute characterization is simply amazing. I loved how she was able to weave this relatively short tale through the eyes of many, to create a powerful impact on the reader, as well as a historically riveting view of the time.

I was completely immersed in Morrison's writing, and although consisting of at times disturbing material, "A Mercy," displays what is at the heart of human nature, crossing the divides of race, providing a thunderous conclusion.

## Kayne departs, evolves with new hip-hop album

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If anyone in hip-hop was going to put out "808s and Heartbreak," it's Kanye West. West has been known to meddle with hip-hop, manipulating sounds and styles that are out of the ordinary and giving it that mainstream appeal. He intertwined orchestral arrangements with hip-hop on "Late Registration," soul samples on "The College Dropout" and electro and pop on "Graduation." So when he premiered "Love Lockdown" at the MTV VMAs this year, everyone knew he was cooking up something different with "808s and Heartbreak."

It's no secret that West's lyrical ability has seemed to dwindle over the years, but is easily overlooked due to his immeasurable production talent and the fact that he knows how to put songs together. Using only the TR-808 drum machine, West has created some of his most ambitious songs to date, abandoning the standard hip-hop beat and rapping for singing and tribal drums, which might be his biggest antithesis to hip-hop yet.

On "808s and Heartbreak," West relies heavily on the auto-tune effect. This may easily push listeners away, as the T-Pains and Lil' Waynes of the world have already saturated the mainstream

with the effect. However, West hopes to achieve something completely different. He created a voice deemed "Heartbreak," something West refers to as a "mixed drink with auto tune, distortion and a little bit of delay on it." He uses this voice as a tool, not a crutch, to express the tribulations he's faced within the past year, including the death of his mother and the break-up with his fiancée, who is the subject of the bulk of the album.

"Say You Will," the album's opener, starts off slow and haunting, with a beat slightly resembling that of a heartbeat. Its slow pace is somewhat of an awkward start to the album and would be better if placed as a closer or even throughout the middle. Despite

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## Kanye

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the placement, it's one of the highlights of the album. Carrying on this very consistent theme, "Amazin'" and "Streetlights" are also slow burners, which will definitely be a change of pace for the standard West fan.

There's very little rapping on the album. However, it's still prevalent in songs like "Heartless" and "Welcome to Heartbreak," the latter of which features up-and-coming Cleveland rapper Kid Cudi. Together, the two sing a handful of melodies

that will undoubtedly be stuck in your head for weeks. Other highlights include the Chromeo-esque "Paranoid," and "See You in My Nightmares," which features Lil Wayne, who sings what might be one of the best hooks he's ever worked on.

There are a few problems with "808s and Heartbreak." Lil Wayne's verse, much like his verse on "Barry Bonds" on "Graduation," falls flat, complete with boring metaphors and trite writing, despite how good the hook is. Young Jeezy is the only other guest rapper on 808s, and his verse on "Amazin'" is completely out of place and awkward, shuffling the overall theme of the album.

Minor gripes aside, "808s" is a fantastic album, and Kanye West has yet again proved that he is an artist with many talents. This is unquestionably his most polarizing release, and he will alienate a large part of his fan base. However, West doesn't seem to care, and this further proves that he is in it for the music. His production continues to test the limits of hip-hop, transcending genres and breaking from the mold of your typical producer. This may not be his best album, but it is by far the most consistent and thought-provoking album he's released. If worst comes to worst and you don't enjoy the album, sit tight. He'll be back with a hip-hop release in the summer of 2009.



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Kanye West's new album "808s & Heartbreak" was released Nov. 24 and features some of his most ambitious songs to date.

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"Makes me think of speed... the movie I mean."

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## Like countries before it, India's dreams live on

I've yet to visit Mumbai, but I've heard it's an inebriating, glistening city of street vendors and flashy cars, a colorful metropolis where saris and business suits rub shoulders and where Indians and foreigners alike come to have their fortunes told and made.

India is a fascinating modern success story just unfolding. Although far from perfect, it has made leaps and bounds in the past two decades to become the world's largest democracy and one of the fastest growing economies. It is a model for any aspiring developing nation, unapologetically branding itself with its own eclectic brand of booming capitalism. Since 1991, India has embraced a free-market economic policy, privatizing business, focusing on deregulation and lower taxes and welcoming

foreign investment and trade. Its financial and technology hubs, including Mumbai and Bangalore, produce engineers, doctors and scientists on-par with America's best. It's hardly ironic that Mumbai's famous film industry, "Bollywood" takes its name from its American counterpart and churns out stories, however melodramatic, of love and self-made success by the thousands. Just as these films represent the dreams of so many within the nation, so does Mumbai sit as a beacon of South Asian optimism.

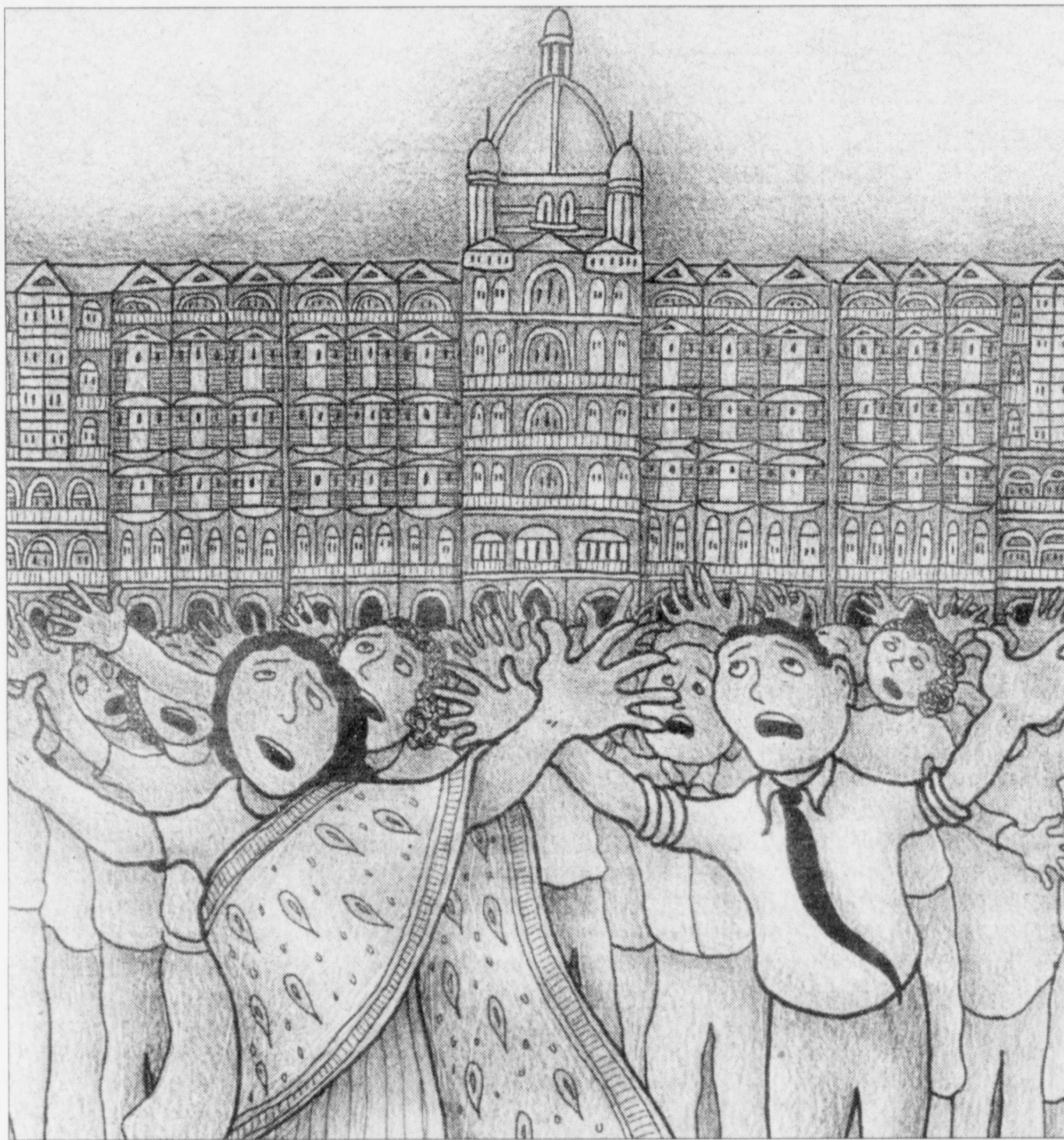
Yet sadly, it seems that it is precisely for that — for unabashedly working to assert itself alongside the world's most admired cities — that Mumbai had its own Sept. 11 last week. In a series of masterfully coordinated terrorist attacks that left at least 175 people dead, including six Americans, the sparkling city was rocked to its core.

The message from the terrorists was clear. Just as they hoped to do with New York City, London and Madrid, they want to bring Mumbai to its knees; to cripple it by terrorizing its people, scaring off foreign businessmen, investors and tourists and decimating her landmarks.

The attacks were a sad and sobering reminder that there are still those in this world that can't stand freedom or peace. They hate Mumbai for its optimism, understated success and nonchalant attitude towards its medley of cultures and religions.

"There's something about this island-state that appalls religious extremists, Hindus and Muslims alike. Perhaps because Mumbai stands for lucre, profane dreams and an indiscriminate openness," wrote Suketu Mehta, a professor of journalism at New York University, in a New York Times column last week. "In the Bombay I grew up in, your religion was a personal eccentricity, like a hairstyle. In my school, you were denominated by which cricketer or Bollywood star you worshiped, not which prophet. In today's Mumbai, things have changed. Hindu and Muslim demagogues want the mobs to come out again in the streets, and slaughter one another in the name of God. They want India and Pakistan to go to war. They want Indian Muslims to be expelled. They want India to get out of Kashmir. They want mosques torn down. They want temples bombed."

Economist Gunjan Bagla, a financial advisor for Walt Disney in India, said the attacks would only further unite India and the United States. "We are the world's largest democracies and the world's largest entertainment indus-



MARGARET SCOTT NEWSART

tries. The horrible attacks in Mumbai underscore the fact that dastardly opponents of freedom, peace and multiculturalism hate both countries in the same manner," Bagla told The Hollywood Reporter.

Indeed, last week's attacks present a challenge not just to India, but to all civilized nations.

While these were not the first acts of terrorism that India has seen by far — over 300 people have died this year alone in bomb blasts around the country — these attacks are the worst, not just because of the death toll, but also for the level of sophistication that went into their planning.

If they truly believe in protecting their way of life, Americans and other Westerners should demand their governments stand by India in the face of terrorism. The attacks were

not merely a result of cultural tensions between India and its neighbors; they were an assault on Western culture just as much as planes flying into the Twin Towers were.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the United States has given almost \$8 billion to Pakistan as aid intended to go towards fighting Islamic extremism, yet we've received next to nothing in return. Lashkar-i-Taiba, the Kashmiri guerilla group alleged to have carried out the Mumbai attacks, still operates training camps within Pakistan, the Washington Post reported last week. And Ajmal Amir Kasab, the single suspect caught, told interrogators that 10 of the estimated 15 men involved in those attacks were trained in Pakistan and specially picked for the Mumbai operation, according to the Times of India. So why is America so timid to take a stand and hold Pakistan accountable for what happens within its borders and with our billions?

India too will have a lot of finger pointing to do within its own government over the coming weeks. A score of top Indian officials have already stepped down amidst criticism of their handling of the attacks, and more resignations are likely to follow as the country's people seek accountability from their government.

But ultimately, the battle against global terrorism is exactly that: a war between the civilized world and the ruthless extremists who wish to destroy it. As individuals, we cannot let terrorists succeed in their campaign by letting ourselves be terrorized. Mumbai would only be further punished and the terrorists would further succeed if the city were to see a decline in tourism or foreign investment. As

Mehta said in her column, "The best answer to the terrorists is to dream bigger, make even more money, and visit Mumbai more than ever... Make a killing not in God's name but in the stock market, and then turn up the forbidden music and dance; work hard and party harder."

Yes, let's do that, and let's also take this as our last wake-up call. Mumbai will pick itself up just as New York City, London and Madrid did before it. That is, after all, the irony the terrorists don't yet understand: whether made in Hollywood, Bollywood or real life, dreams don't just die in a heartbeat.

Marilize van Romburgh is the Mustang Daily editor in chief and a journalism senior.

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—Suketu Mehta

journalism professor, New York University





Angela, if CSU students aren't willing to invest in themselves about \$5,000 per year, then why should that burden fall on the taxpayers? You say that "we" need to stand up to the governor and legislature but for what? To demand more money? The true cost of a Cal Poly education is far greater than the nearly \$5,000 per year in tuition and books. You fail to mention how much of the system is already subsidized by the tax payers. If you aren't willing to take out loans and pay for a portion of your education then don't expect others to pay for it either.

— Richard

Response to "Taking back our state university system"

Will, bathrooms are separate for good practical reasons of physical privacy. There is no connection in the reasoning for providing separate bathrooms for men and women and restricting gay people the right to marry. Please point out the legal

reason why Prop 8 is a justified 'separate but equal' situation. This nation was not founded upon the flimsy will (or Will, for that matter) of the voters. Instead, this nation was founded upon the ideals of reasoned political philosophers who valued individual liberty and limited government. One of our greatest strengths as a Federal government is the notion of a Democratic-Republic. Historically, popular democracy has allowed the legislature to violate the rules of justice in our society. Luckily, the Founding Fathers took this into consideration in Article III of the Constitution. The Supreme Court is to be disconnected from the arbitrary political whims of the voters to properly construct the rules of justice in our society and to correct the wrongdoings of the legislature (and of the voters) against our Constitution. Whether or not Prop 8 will endure to discriminate will be at the discretion of the high court of California. I can only hope they will recognize Prop 8 as an example of the tyranny of the majority that James Madison first warned us about in Federalist 10 (... continued online).

— Mike Melzer

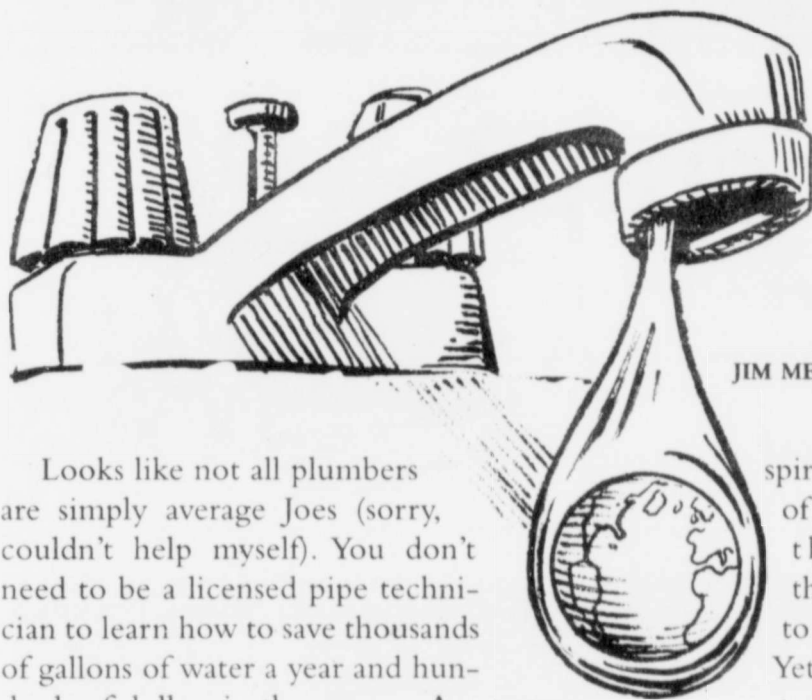
Response to comment on letter to the editor "Protests don't prove Prop 8 will be overturned; majority rules"

## political cartoon

CHRIS SHARRON DAILY KENT STATER



# California's rebel plumbers



JIM MEEHAN NEWSART

Looks like not all plumbers are simply average Joes (sorry, couldn't help myself). You don't need to be a licensed pipe technician to learn how to save thousands of gallons of water a year and hundreds of dollars in the process. According to an article by Matthew Green of the East Bay Express, a league of "plumbing activists" are putting their technical skills to work combating California state codes that inhibit the widespread use of water-saving greywater systems.

Greywater, also known as surlage, is non-industrial wastewater generated from domestic processes such as dish washing, laundry and bathing. Greywater comprises 50 to 80 percent of residential wastewater and is generated from all of the house's sanitation equipment except for the toilets (water from toilets being blackwater). In recent years, concerns over dwindling reserves of groundwater and overloaded or costly sewage treatment plants has generated much interest in the reuse or recycling of greywater, both domestically and for use in commercial irrigation.

The Uniform Plumbing Code, adopted in some United States jurisdictions, prohibits greywater use indoors. The California policy, its shortcomings and the current controversy as described in the Express:

Drawn up in 1995 by California's departments of health and water resources, it was the first state-level greywater guidelines, in-

spiring a number of other states throughout the country to follow suit. Yet many advocates of greywater have long asserted that the code is outdated and unnecessarily restrictive, making it far too expensive and complicated for most homeowners to install their own systems, and ultimately resulting in millions of wasted gallons each year.

"California has such a bad code and makes it so restrictive that basically no one follows it," said Laura Allen, 32, an elementary school teacher who devotes much of her free time to spreading the greywater gospel. "We talk of water scarcity when we actually have a lot of water that we're just dumping in the bay."

Allen is a co-founder of Greywater Guerrillas, a group devoted to distributing the plans and information that residents and experts need to install effective, low-cost, safe but mostly very low-tech greywater solutions that will help them conserve and re-use water around their homes. The group's Web site

offers instructions for building systems that require only a few hundred dollars' investment and minimal time compared to the thousands of dollars and months of permitting work required for code-compliant systems.

Concerns over potential health and environmental risks means that many jurisdictions demand such intensive treatment systems for legal reuse of greywater that the commercial cost is higher than for fresh water. However, with water conservation now becoming a necessity, business, political and community pressure has made regulators seriously reconsider the actual risks against actual benefits. It is now recognized and accepted by an increasing number of regulators that the microbiological risks of greywater reuse at the single dwelling level are in reality an insignificant risk, when properly managed without the need for complex and expensive red tape approval processes.

If collected using a separate plumbing system to blackwater, domestic greywater can be recycled directly within the home, garden or agricultural company and used either immediately or processed and stored. Because greywater use, especially domestically, reduces demand on conventional water supplies and pressure on sewage treatment systems, its use is very beneficial. In times of drought,

especially in urban areas, greywater use on gardens or in toilet systems helps to achieve more sustainable development.

According to the article, quite a few professionals and policy makers in the state are critical of the code. And although those who earn their living as plumbers may be reluctant to risk breaking state rules, it seems that few officials are truly interested in cracking down on H2O conservationists. But changing laws is a slow and frustrating process, and none of the relevant departments seems willing to shoulder the responsibility of changing the status quo.

Oakland resident and licensed plumber Christina Berteau offers some input on the situation:

"I understand the mindset of formal training about following the code, but in this case it is more important to be reusing the water." With reasonable standards, she added, local utility districts could educate their clients on how to safely recycle greywater. "This precious thing, clean potable water at our tap, that much of the world wished they had, we use it once and dump it. We need to rethink our whole relationship to water."

It takes courage to challenge the system, particularly when doing so could threaten your professional license, but it's important to do so. Throughout history, groups of concerned and passionate citizens like the Greywater Guerrillas have often provided slow-moving governments with the momentum necessary to create real change.

Ben Eckold is a business senior, the president of the Empower Poly Coalition and a Mustang Daily columnist.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Why I can't be a Republican

The fundamental difference between liberals and conservatives is why I can't be a Republican. At the base of liberalism are the views that we should focus on taking care of one another and our planet (i.e. national health care and sustainable practices), while the conservative base is focused on taking care of "yourself" (low taxes), "your own" (bigotry), and "your wallet" (big business) while ignoring the need and opportunity to enrich other people's lives and give them the chance to at least live the decent life that we take for granted. And I'm not just talking about here in the United States, but globally. In other words, if you're not liberal, get with it.

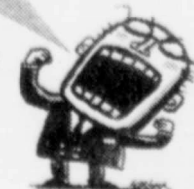
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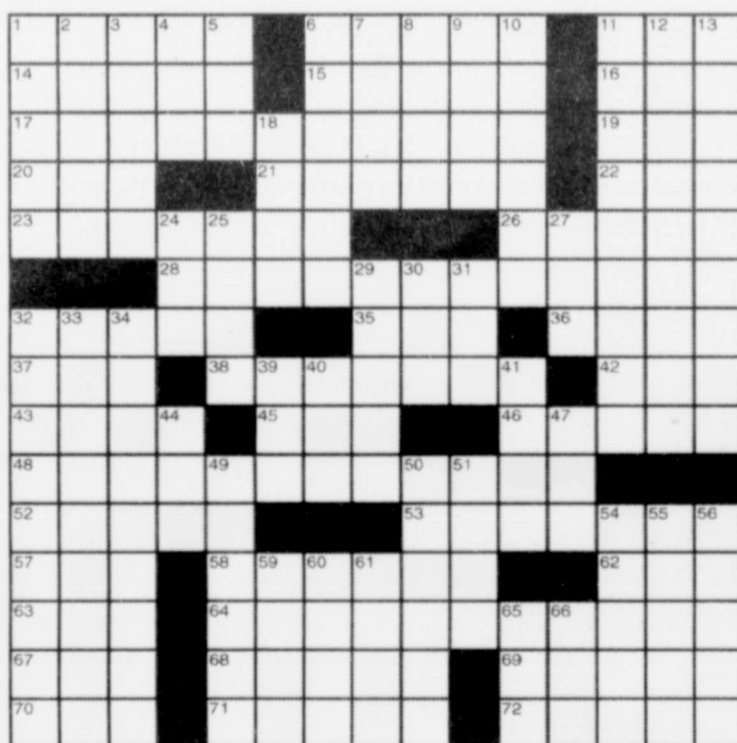
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- 19 Align the cross hairs
- 20 Itinerary word
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- 23 Takes out surgically
- 26 Red dye
- 28 Small equine
- 32 \_\_\_ nous
- 35 Thurman of "Gattaca"
- 36 W.W. I fighter plane
- 37 MGM's lion

### Down

- 38 Activity exemplified in the '60s by the ends of 17-, 28-, 48- and 64-Across
- 42 Summer, in Sèvres
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- 45 Last article in the Constitution
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- 48 Weightlifter's lift
- 52 Oscar winner Marisa
- 53 From one side only, in law
- 57 AOL, e.g., for short
- 58 Norman of the Clinton and Bush cabinets
- 62 Hole-making tool
- 63 Brandy label letters
- 64 Rum/vodka cocktail

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- 2 Double \_\_\_ (DNA structure)
- 3 Computer that debuted in 1946
- 4 Actress Tyler
- 5 Attorney's charge
- 6 Swear to
- 7 Poultry
- 8 Far from pudgy
- 9 Latin 101 verb
- 10 Went bad
- 11 Unwraps in a hurry
- 12 Rule out
- 13 "The Tomorrow Show" host
- 18 South Korea's first president Syngman \_\_\_
- 24 Mount Carmel's locale: Abbr.
- 25 Lawn mower's spot
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- 29 Readily comprehended
- 30 "What a good boy \_\_\_!"
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- 32 Nonrequired courses
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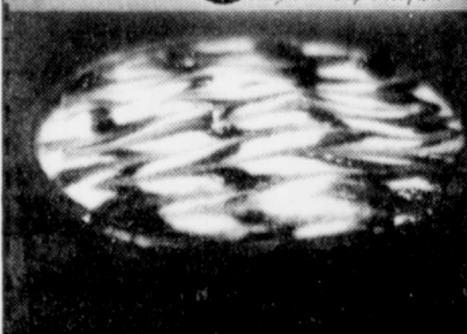
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Cal Poly running back James Noble, another graduating senior, runs against Weber State on Saturday at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Football

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John McGrath, writing Ellerson as Washington's head coach should be "as mouth-watering a proposition to Huskies fans as the sight of another turkey sandwich," recommended Ellerson not only because of the Mustangs' six straight winning seasons and unique systems, but also because of his recruiting success on the West Coast and his knowledge of the Pac-10 Conference (in which he was an assistant at Arizona from 1992 to 1995 and 1997 to 2000).

McGrath wrote that the idea

was first brought up on local talk radio by Don Borst, who's covered college football for USA Today and Fox Sports.

"It was just funny," Ellerson said. "It was reason to smile today when there weren't a lot of reasons to smile. The whole thing's tongue-in-cheek."

Washington officials wouldn't specifically comment on candidates, associate athletic director Richard Kilwien said Monday.

"The amount of articles, stories and rumors related to our coaching staff are numerous, but the simple fact is the athletic director and president are conducting the search silently and effectively," he added.

Kilwien said getting the Huskies "back into the national scene" may not require someone with a Pac-10 pedigree.

"Whether a person has Pac-10 ties is not necessarily any one characteristic we're looking for," he said. "The main thing is for us to get it right."

Barden could be first-day pick

An NFL executive told Newsday on Nov. 3 that Barden was one of five "under-the-radar" NFL Draft prospects who could go on the first day — or in the first two rounds — on April 26.

"If I'm guessing, I think he can get into the second round," Ellerson agreed Monday.

Barden, who will play in the East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 17 on ESPN2, finished fourth in the voting Monday for the Walter Payton Award, given to the FCS' best offensive player.

He'll likely be invited to the scouting combine in Indianapolis from Feb. 18-24, when he'll look to put to rest questions about his straight-line speed, agility and route-running.

"He'll have a line of about 15 corners walk up on him and press him because everybody wants to see how tall receivers are going to handle a press, and he'll do fine there," Ellerson said. "Really, the ticket will be how he runs that 40 (yard dash) time. It seems silly that you can do so much and then have a couple of ticks on the clock make all the difference in the world, but it will. But I have great confidence he'll do just fine in that regard."

Barden might not be the only graduating Mustang with a professional shot, though.

Dally received two write-in

votes for the Walter Payton Award.

"It'd be a shame if Jonathan Dally doesn't find a niche somewhere," said Ellerson, who coached in the Canadian Football League from 1984 to 1986. "He would be a spectacular guy in the CFL."

Running backs James Noble and Ryan Mole, as well as center Stephen Field, among others, all have a "legitimate chance" but will face questions about being undersized for their respective positions, Ellerson said.

"All those NFL guys come through and they recognize that that guy can play, but it's like they have a height requirement or something," Ellerson said. "It's like he's trying to join the Navy or something — it's like he's not tall enough."

Taylor a dark horse to take over at quarterback

While Ellerson said the coaching staff is still "in decompression mode," he named a possible surprise in the competition to take Dally's

place under center next year.

Redshirt freshmen-to-be Andre Broadous and Doug Shumway, as well as redshirt junior-to-be Tony Smith, figure to be the favorites at quarterback, but Ryan Taylor — a 6-foot-3, 180-pound prep signal caller who was projected as a red-shirt freshman receiver next year — could be a "wild card" at the position, Ellerson said.

"He has some of those, dare I say, Dally-esque qualities," Ellerson added. "He could be a spectacular receiver. Having said that, he might be the best quarterback in the program."

Cornerback Asa Jackson and linebacker Quentin Greenlaw were the only true freshmen to play this year, but running back Ryan Solomon often practiced with starters, Ellerson said.

"Most of the solutions, most of the answers, are here right now," he said.

Spring practice starts in 11 weeks.



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Linebacker Quentin Greenlaw (37), making a tackle against North Carolina Central on Nov. 8, was one of two true freshmen to play for Cal Poly this year.

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university at the start of the semester. Their task is to gather all the necessary information and present it to the vice president of student affairs, Robert Palmer.

"We are putting together a report that we will present to Dr. Palmer within the next couple of weeks ... What are the facts about Titan football? What is it going to take to logistically reinstate the program?" DiTolla said.

The report will show various related indirect costs of bringing the program back and address the pros and cons that accompany reinstatement. CSUF President Milton Gordon has heard of the report that will be presented, but is not convinced that even a positive report will be the catalyst for reinstatement.

"If there is no money attached to the report, it's not going to be positive. Without a guarantee of the money, I can't do it; it won't be done. I spent three years with people telling me they would raise the money and they never did, they didn't even come close to the amount of money a successful program would need," Gordon said.

Gordon came into office with a program that was averaging some of the lowest attendance figures in the nation.

"Over the two or three years we had the program while I was here, we usually had some of the lowest attendance in the United States for Division I football program. Even with the money, our stadium is inadequate to support the attendance requirement

that we need," Gordon said.

The Titans drew an average of 4,806 fans per game in 1992. The NCAA attendance requirement of 15,000 people per game cannot be met with the current seating of Titan Stadium, which seats around 10,000 people, according to Titan Media Relations. A stadium renovation would cost upwards of \$30 million, according to athletic director Brian Quinn.

Aside from the finances and stadium problems, the infrastructure on campus just is not there to support an additional 160 athletes, 80 from the football team and the 80 additional women athletes.

Gordon is not striking the hammer down on the return of Titan football. There is a glimmer of hope, leaving an opening for the community and support group to provide a guarantee.

"I would love to have football, but we simply do not have the community funds to support the program. I don't care how many people tell me they would love to have football back ... you need the money, without the money there won't be a program. The community group would have to give a guarantee of at least a minimum of \$5 million and a detailed plan to show how they intend to generate that money on an annual basis," Gordon said.

Georgia State University and Colorado State Pueblo have recently brought football to their campuses in two entirely different ways. Colorado State Pueblo, with a student enrollment of more than 4,000, last had football in 1984. They have reinstated their program through funding provided by the private sector. Sports Information Director Anthony Sandstrom of Colorado State Pueblo

points to the school's former football players as the driving force behind the movement.

"A lot of the guys who were on the last couple of teams pushed the university to bring the program back. They told the university if you can take care of the governmental portion of the program, we have can raise the funds for the program. They got in the neighborhood of \$10 million just to bring back football," Sandstrom said.

The decision to bring back the program was made in May 2007, with the initial grassroots efforts starting back in 2001. The Pueblo Thunderwolves played their first season in 2008 and finished 4-6. Georgia State, who will play their games at the Georgia Dome, is breaking ground on their future complex that will include a new weight room, training room, locker room, a 100-yard artificial field, and a 50-yard natural surface, according to the school's athletics Web site.

The enrollment of 28,000 students at Georgia State is comparable to the 37,000 students who attend CSUF. They used a student fee increase to bring football to their campus for the first time. Georgia State Head Coach Bill Curry praised the students for their support of the program.

"The students were asked to consider increasing the student athletic fee \$85 per student per semester, and it was almost a unanimous decision. The students have been sensational, having pep rallies and tailgate parties, and we haven't even played a game yet," Curry said.

Franks thinks that if the students were to receive a fee referendum, it would be per student, per semester.

"Just a guesstimate, but I think a fee increase would be a minimal of \$100

per semester for the students if the program was going to come back," Franks said.

The fee increase that is almost assured to accompany any football program is in the neighborhood of \$50 to \$100 per student, per semester. Thirty-seven thousand students with a \$100 per semester increase in tuition would net \$7.4 million in money annually to support the program. The \$5 million that Dr. Gordon is asking for would be satisfied, with a surplus of \$2.4 million.

With an increase of \$100 per student, per semester, an incoming freshman can expect to pay in four years upwards of \$800 on top of tuition and books for their full enrollment at CSUE.

The fee increase would cover the cost for the program, but the additional infrastructure needed for a team would be still be a major issue. Franks spoke in a department meeting about the lack of space.

"I was in a meeting recently and I was kind of joking, but at the same time serious. We would need a four-story building on top of the locker room at the south end of the stadium to fill all the needs the football program would require," Franks said.

Since the return of the programs to GSU and Colorado State Pueblo, the effect on campus has been palpable. Colorado State Pueblo saw their enrollment jump from 4,000 to 4,500 the semester after football was reinstated, according to Sandstrom.

"Everyone has really embraced the program. It has brought a lot of life through the campus and raised enrollment by 15 percent. We broke all prior attendance records at our games," Sandstrom said.

GSU has not only seen the enrollment jump but is also bringing the largest freshmen class in its school's history.

"Football has allowed us to create a much more of a campus atmosphere. We are bringing in our biggest and smartest freshmen class academically of 2,800. New dorms are going up all the time. We have the largest dorm building in America at 2,000 rooms, and football all contributed to that," Curry said.

If the Titan Football program is to make its return, it is going to take a great game plan and near perfect execution — just like in football. The game is played by three different units working towards one goal: offense, defense and special teams. While each unit works independently from the other, they all have one goal in mind: win the game. The same sort of effort will need to be made by the three units that will determine if CSUF gets football back: the students, the administration and the community. But they don't need to win the game — they need to raise some money.

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# Ellerson reflects, prepares to move forward



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly linebacker Fred Hives II (left) — one of 17 departing seniors — holds the Great West Conference trophy Nov. 15.

**Several graduating seniors could continue careers in pro ranks; program seeking one more game to fill out next year's schedule**

Donovan Aird

MUSTANG DAILY

Two days after his team's season came to an end, Cal Poly football head coach Rich Ellerson voiced appreciation for what he praised as an extraordinary senior class.

The Mustangs, who were ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) for seven consecutive weeks before Saturday's 49-35 first-round

playoff loss to Weber State, lost 17 seniors.

Seven of them were starters on an offense that entered the game leading the FCS in points and yards per game.

Ellerson said he "certainly" felt the class was the best he's coached at Cal Poly.

"I'm not talking about necessarily their athletic prowess — just the quality of the men, how much they've accomplished, how hard they've worked, how much they overcame and how much they meant to each other," he said. "I was jealous of what I was seeing. The experiences they were sharing and the fun they were having was really something."

While winning the Great West

Conference championship, the Mustangs set numerous school and NCAA records.

Senior All-American receiver Ramses Barden set Cal Poly career marks for catches (206), yards (4,203) and touchdowns (50), broke Larry Fitzgerald's all-time NCAA record for consecutive games with a touchdown catch (20) and tied Randy Moss' all-time FCS standard of single-season consecutive games with such a reception (11).

Senior all-conference quarterback Jonathan Dally's career passing efficiency rating of 183.82 would be an FCS record if he had enough completions to qualify, and his 293.23 rating during a 69-41 win over Southern Utah on Oct. 25 (when he was 22-of-26 for 410 yards and six touchdowns) is the best single-game mark in FCS history.

As a team, the Mustangs, who finished 8-3, broke school season records for first downs (262), first downs by rushing (162), points scored (488) and touchdowns (67).

"This feeling will fade and all the wonderful experiences and accomplishments that this group has had while they've been here will shine through and dominate their memories," Ellerson added.

## Next year's schedule features two FBS opponents

Cal Poly athletic director Alison Cone said Monday that the school has secured 10 games for next year and is seeking one final game that needs to be at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

The slate will feature two Foot-

ball Bowl Subdivision (I-A) opponents, neither of which are from Bowl Championship Series conferences, Cone added.

Last year's schedule was announced April 3. It also featured two FBS foes — San Diego State, which Cal Poly defeated 29-27, and Wisconsin, which the Mustangs never trailed before the final play of a 36-35, overtime loss.

"I don't think this year helped

anybody be anxious to return our calls," Cone said.

## Ellerson scoffs at Washington speculation

Ellerson laughed off a column in Monday's Tacoma (Wash.) News Tribune strongly suggesting him as a candidate for Washington's head coaching job.

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NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson (right), talking to an official Nov. 8, has led the Mustangs to six straight winning seasons.

## Harrison named Big West Player of Week



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Cal Poly forward Megan Harrison, shown against Idaho on Saturday, was named the Big West Conference co-Women's Basketball Player of the Week on Monday. For previews of the men's and women's basketball Wednesday doubleheader, please see Wednesday's Mustang Daily.

## Money, facilities stand in way of football's return at Cal State Fullerton

**CSF is Big West rival of Cal Poly but dropped its football program in 1992**

Raj Modha

DAILY TITAN, CAL STATE FULLERTON

Money. That's what the Cal State Fullerton football program is going to come down to. A Division I football program is the most expensive athletic program a college can carry, and with the current economic crisis, the program could be making its push at the wrong time. While schools like Georgia State and Colorado State Pueblo are on the road to the gridiron, the CSUF football program is at a crossroads.

Mel Franks, the athletic department's media relations director, was with the university when the program was cut in 1992. He cites the economy as a major factor.

"The timing for bringing the program back couldn't be worse. With the state budget crisis, it will extremely difficult to bring a program back in this climate," Franks said.

Associate athletics director Steve DiTolla echoed Franks' concern with the state budget, pointing to the changes that the athletic department



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Damon Allen, the brother of Marcus Allen and a future CFL Most Outstanding Player, poses at Cal State Fullerton in the early 1980s.

will see this year alone.

"The state budget has a lot to with us bringing back a football team. The state of California is experiencing serious financial difficulty. This current year, we have had to reduce \$325,000

out of our athletics department budget," DiTolla said.

Supporters for the program have indicated that if it was to make a return it would compete with schools like UC Davis and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Currently the Big West Conference, which CSUF is in, does not offer football. If the program was reinstated, it would have to find a conference, in addition to finding a way to fund the many financial obligations the university would be saddled with. DiTolla gave an indication on what a football team might cost.

"To add a competitive football team like that of San Luis Obispo and UC Davis, it will cost the university a 'ball park' figure of about \$5 million annually. That includes the \$2.5 million to run the football program, and about \$2.5 million for the women's programs that the school would have to add and the infrastructure to support an additional 160 student-athletes," DiTolla said.

While support for the program is at an all-time high, support is not going to put forth the truckload of cash that will be needed to run a successful program. DiTolla is part of the working group that was assembled by the

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